

***Allowable Subject Matter***

This Office Action is in response to applicant's communication of 12/22/2009. Currently amended claims 1-4, 7-10, 13-31, 33-34, 36-38 are pending and in condition for allowance.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims in this application have been allowed because the prior art of record fails to disclose either singly or in combination the claimed apparatus of a Catheter adapted for use in pelvic angiographic procedures comprising the first tapered section, primary and secondary curves, further wherein a length from the primary curve to the secondary curve is between 14 cm and 17 cm and length from the secondary curve to the tip section is between 3 cm and 8 cm and the angle of the secondary curve is between 90 and 100 degrees from the shaft.

The closest prior art is Parker (U.S. Patent 5,221,270), Swartz (U.S. 5,800,413) and Trotta (U.S. Patent 5,342,386), but these each fail to disclose the claimed combination with the specific length and degree of the curves as specified above and also as stated in the applicants remarks of 7/22/2009 and further for the reasons stated in the remarks of 12/22/2009 pages 10-13.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gray whose telephone number is (571) 272-7180. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Sirmons can be reached on (571) 272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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